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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all allowed claims (1-16 and 19-23) and add the following claims addressing subject matter in application serial number 09/621845:

Claim 24: A crimp measuring system, comprising:

a computer, wherein the computer comprises a processor and an associated stored program and wherein the program is stored in a computer readable medium;

a plurality of progressive scanning video cameras;

a switch board that accepts data signals from at least one of the video cameras;

an I/O interface; and

at least one peripheral device.

Claim 25: The crimp measuring system of claim 24, further comprising an analog video monitor connected to at least one of the progressive scanning video cameras.